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**PHY203  
Final Exam  
5/7/18**

- Show work
- Use correct SI units
- Use scientific notation
- All answers with 3 significant figures
- use  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Solutions

FinalS18Part1

1. A rocket is launched straight up from rest at ground level with an initial acceleration of  $35.0 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Take "up" as the positive x-direction and  $x=0$  at ground level. The rocket accelerates for  $15.0 \text{ s}$ , then the motor cuts off

a. Find the velocity and acceleration of the rocket at its highest point (magnitudes and signs).

$$v = 0$$

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$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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b. Find the position of the rocket at its highest point.

$$x_1 = \frac{1}{2} (35.0) (15.0)^2 = 3938 \text{ m}$$

$$v_1 = (35.0) (15.0) = 525 \text{ m/s}$$

$$x_2: 0 = (525)^2 - 2g\Delta x$$

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$$\Delta x = 14,048 \text{ m}$$

$$x_2 = 14,048 + 3938$$

$$= 1.80710^4 \text{ m}$$

c. Find the total time the rocket is in the air.

$$t_2: 0 = 525 - g t_2$$

$$t_2 = 53.5 \text{ s}$$

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From top to ground:

$$0 = 1.80710^4 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} g t_3^2$$

$$t_3 = 60.5 \text{ s}$$

$$t = 15.0 + 53.5 + 60.5 = 129 \text{ s}$$

d. Find the velocity and acceleration (magnitudes and signs) of the rocket just before it hits the ground.

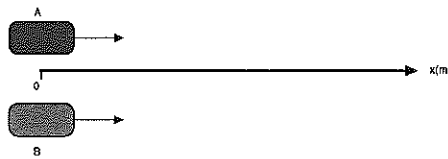
$$a = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

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$$v: v = 0 - g (60.5) \text{ from top}$$

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$$v = -594 \text{ m/s}$$



2. Two trains are traveling to the right on parallel tracks. At a time of  $t=0$  train A passes the  $x=0$  point with a constant speed of  $15.0$  m/s. At  $t=2.50$  s train B which was at rest at  $x=0$  starts traveling with a constant acceleration of  $3.50$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.

a. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write an equation of motion ( $x$  vs.  $t$ ) for train A:

$$x_A = 15.0t$$

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b. Using the coordinate system depicted above, write an equation of motion ( $x$  vs.  $t$ ) for train B:

$$x_B = \frac{1}{2} (3.50) (t - 2.50)^2 = 1.75 (t - 2.50)^2$$

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c. Find the time at which the centers of the trains are side-by-side.

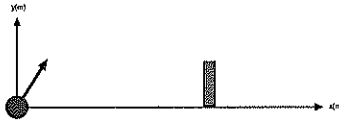
$$\begin{aligned} 15t &= 1.75(t - 2.50)^2 \\ &= 1.75(t^2 - 5t + 6.25) \\ &= 1.75t^2 - 8.75t + 10.9 \end{aligned}$$

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$$0 = 1.75t^2 - 23.8t + 10.9$$

$$t = \frac{23.8 \pm \sqrt{23.8^2 - 4 \cdot 1.75 \cdot 10.9}}{3.50}$$

$$= 13.1s, 0.786s$$



3. A cannonball is shot from ground level at a castle wall. The castle wall is 65.0 m high and a horizontal distance of  $D = 175$  m from the cannon. Assume the cannonball just misses the top of the wall (not at its highest point). The initial horizontal speed of the cannonball is 40.0 m/s

a. Find the time it takes the ball to reach the wall.

$$175 = (40.0)t$$

$$t = 4.38 \text{ s}$$

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b. Find the initial velocity of the cannonball and write it in vector notation using the coordinate system above.

$$v_x = 40.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y: \quad 65.0 = 0 + v_{y0}(4.38) - \frac{1}{2}g(4.38)^2$$

$$v_{y0} = 36.3 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v}_0 = (40.0\hat{i} + 36.3\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

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c. Find the velocity of the cannonball just as it passes over the wall and write it in vector notation.

$$v_x = 40.0 \text{ m/s}$$

$$v_y: \quad v_y = 36.3 - g(4.38)$$

$$= -6.67 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{v} = (40.0\hat{i} - 6.67\hat{j}) \text{ m/s}$$

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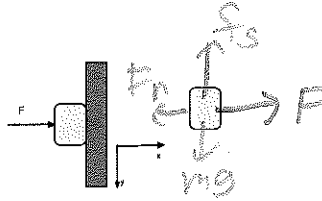
d. Find the velocity and acceleration of the cannonball at its highest point in vector notation.

$$\vec{v} = v_{0x}\hat{i} = 40.0\hat{i} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\vec{a} = -9.81\hat{j} \text{ m/s}^2$$

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4. A force  $F$  is pushing a block of mass  $m$  against a rough wall. The block is not moving.

a. Draw a free body diagram of the block on the figure up and to the right.

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b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for the block in both directions.

$$x: F - f_n = ma = 0$$

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$$y: mg - f_s = ma = 0$$

Take  $m=7.50$  kg and the coefficients of friction between wall and block to be  $\mu_k=0.350$  and  $\mu_s=0.550$ .

b. Find the minimum force  $F$  that will keep the block from falling.

$$f_{s\max} = \mu_s F_n = \mu_s F$$

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$$F = \frac{mg}{\mu_s} = \frac{(7.50)g}{0.550} = 134 \text{ N}$$

c. For  $F$  twice what you found in part b., find the magnitudes of the normal and frictional forces.

$$F_n = F = 2 \cdot 134 = 268 \text{ N}$$

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$$f_s = mg = (7.50)g = 73.6 \text{ N}$$

d. For  $F$  half what you found in part b., find the magnitude of the acceleration of the block.

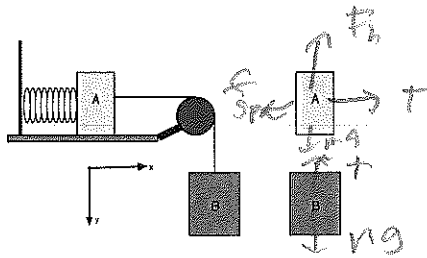
$$F_n = F = \frac{134}{2} = 67.0 \text{ N}$$

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$$mg - f_k = ma$$

$$a = g - \frac{\mu_k F_n}{m}$$

$$= g - \frac{(0.350)(67.0)}{7.50} = 6.68 \text{ m/s}^2$$



5. A massless spring is attached to block A which is at rest on a frictionless surface. Block A is attached to a massless string which is passed over a massless and frictionless pulley and attached to block B. The spring with spring constant  $k$  is initially uncompressed. The blocks are released and start to move.

a. Draw free body diagrams on the blocks (while they are moving) above and to the right.

b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for both blocks in both directions.

$$A: x: T - kx = m_A a$$

$$y: m_A g - F_N = 0$$

$$B: y: m_B g - T = m_B a$$

Given  $M_A = 5.50$  kg,  $M_B = 17.5$  kg, and  $k = 85.0$  N/m,

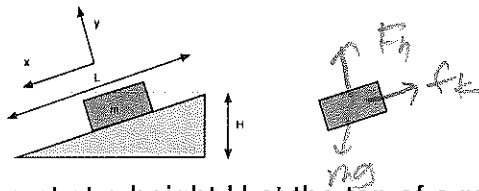
c. Find the speed of the blocks after they have traveled 2.50 m. Take  $y = 2.50$  m as the initial height of block B.

Use Conservation of Energy:

$$(17.5)g(2.50) = \frac{1}{2}(5.50 + 17.5)v^2 + \frac{1}{2}(85.0)(2.50)^2$$

$$429 = \frac{1}{2}(23)v^2 + 266$$

$$v = 3.77 \text{ m/s}$$



6. A block of mass  $m$  is at rest at a height  $H$  at the top of a rough ramp with a length  $L$ . The block is then released and slides down the ramp leaving the ramp at the bottom with a speed  $v$ . The coefficient of kinetic friction between block and ramp is  $\mu_k$ .

a. Above and to the right draw a free body diagram of the block while it is sliding down the ramp.

b. Write out Newton's 2nd Law for the block in both directions while it is sliding on the ramp.

$$x: mg \sin \theta - f_k = ma$$

$$y: F_n - mg \cos \theta = 0$$

Assume  $m=4.00$  kg,  $H=15.5$  m,  $L=27.5$  m, and  $v=12.5$  m/s.

c. Find the magnitude of the normal force on the block.

$$F_n = (4.00)g \cos \theta \quad \theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{15.5}{27.5}\right)$$

$$= 324 \text{ N} \quad = 34.3^\circ$$

d. Using energy conservation, find the coefficient of friction,  $\mu_k$ .

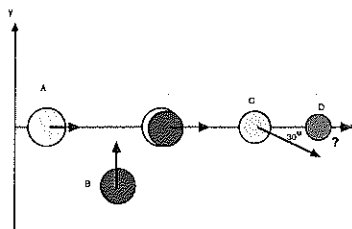
$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \mu_k F_n L$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \mu_k mg \cos(34.3^\circ) L$$

$$g(15.5) - \frac{1}{2}(12.5)^2 = \mu_k g \cos(34.3^\circ)(27.5)$$

$$\mu_k = 0.332$$

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7. Two pucks traveling on a frictionless surface collide inelastically but do not stick together. Before the collision puck A (mass of 4.50 kg) is traveling in the positive x-direction with a speed of 6.50 m/s, and puck B (mass of 3.50 kg) is traveling in the positive y-direction with a speed of 5.50 m/s. After the collision, two new pucks are formed, Puck C has a mass of 5.00 kg and is traveling with a speed of 6.00 m/s in a direction that is  $-30^\circ$  with respect to the x-axis, as shown above. Puck D is the other puck after the collision.

a. Find the initial momenta of pucks A and B and write them in vector notation.

$$\vec{p}_A = (4.50)(6.50)\hat{i} = 29.2\hat{i} \text{ kg}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad 5$$

$$\vec{p}_B = (3.50)(5.50)\hat{j} = 19.2\hat{j} \text{ kg}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad 5$$

b. Find the final momentum of puck C and write it in vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{p}_C &= (5.00)(6.00)(\cos 30^\circ \hat{i} - \sin 30^\circ \hat{j}) \\ &= (26.0\hat{i} - 15.0\hat{j}) \text{ kg}\frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad 10 \end{aligned}$$

c. Find the final velocity of puck D and write it in vector notation.

$$\begin{aligned} x: \quad 29.2 &= 26.0 + m_D v_{xD} \\ &= 26.0 + (3.00)v_{xD} \\ v_x &= 1.07 \text{ m/s} \quad 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y: \quad 19.2 &= -15.0 + (3.00)v_{yD} \\ v_y &= 11.4 \text{ m/s} \\ \vec{v}_D &= (1.07\hat{i} + 11.4\hat{j}) \text{ m/s} \end{aligned}$$

8. A wheel is at rest at the top of a rough ramp which makes an angle of  $35.0^\circ$  with respect to the horizontal. The height of the ramp is 3.50 m. The wheel consists of a thin rim with mass 2.50 kg at a radius of 1.50 m and 4 spokes of length 1.50 m and mass 0.350 kg apiece. Assume the wheel rolls without slipping down the ramp.

a. Find the moment of inertia of the wheel about its axis.

$$I = (2.50)(1.50)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)(0.350)(1.50)^2$$

$$= 6.67 \text{ kg m}^2$$

b. Sketch a free body diagram of the wheel on the ramp.



c. Use Conservation of Energy to find the linear speed of the wheel at the bottom of the ramp.

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}v^2 \left[ m + \frac{I}{r^2} \right]$$

$$m = 2.50 + 4(0.350) = 3.90 \text{ kg}$$

$$(3.90)g(3.50) = \frac{1}{2}v^2 \left[ 3.90 + \frac{6.67}{1.50^2} \right]$$

$$v = 6.25 \text{ m/s}$$

9. A block of mass 1.75 kg is attached to a spring. The block is stretched and released on a frictionless, horizontal surface. The equation of motion of the block is given by:

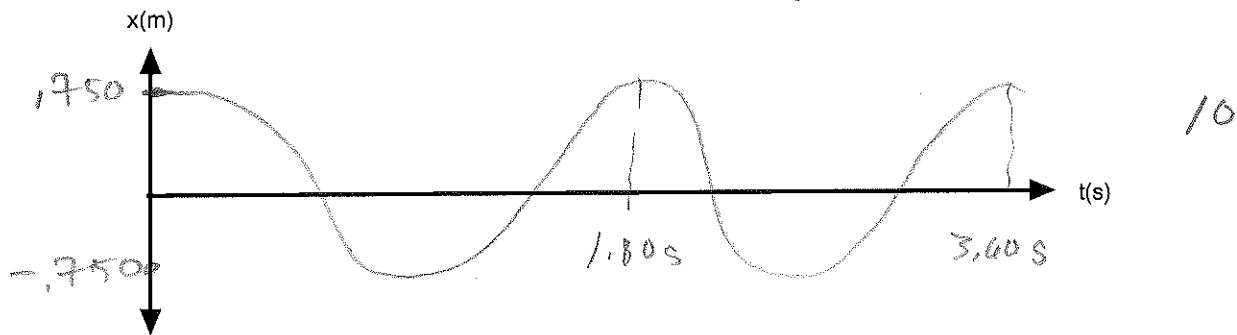
$$x = (0.750 \text{ m}) \cos(3.50t)$$

a. Find the spring constant of the spring.

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}, \quad k = m\omega^2 = (1.75)(3.50)^2 = 21.4 \text{ N/m} \quad 5$$

b. Make a plot of position vs. time for the first 2 periods. Add values to the plot below (on both the x and t axes).

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{3.50} = 1.80 \text{ s}$$



c. Find an expression for the velocity of the block as a function of time.

$$v = \frac{dx}{dt} = -(3.50)(0.750) \sin(3.50)t = -2.62 \sin(3.50)t \quad 10$$

d. Find the maximum speed of the block.

$$2.62 \text{ m/s} \quad 5$$

e. Find the velocity of the block at a time of 1.75 s.

$$v = -2.62 \sin(3.50)(1.75) = 0.413 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \quad 5$$